

Greeting Colleagues and Industry Partners,

The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women at the high-school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. Awardees are selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for post-secondary education. The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing offers both a national and local "affiliate" competitions to generate support and visibility for women's participation in communities nationwide.

<http://www.ncwit.org/work.awards.aspiration.html>

PLEASE help us spread the word about this competition with any K-12 or groups who serve young high school women! National Award-winners receive:

- \$500 in cash
- a laptop computer, provided by Bank of America
- a trip to attend the Bank of America Technology Showcase and Awards Ceremony in Charlotte, North Carolina
- an engraved award for both the student and the student's school

Affiliate Award-winners receive an engraved award for their home and school, and a range of great prizes from local sponsors. Visit [Find a Competition](#) to see details. We will be hosting an affiliate in Puerto Rico and the state of Colorado!

Young women in grades 9-12 interested in computing and technology are **STRONGLY** encouraged to apply.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, October 15, 2010. Potential applicants should check out the [Preparing Your Application](#) guide to learn more about the application process and information needed. Instructions are also available in Spanish!

Please let us know if you have any questions and thank you so much for helping us spread the word about this exciting competition and opportunity for our young women interested in technology!

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